

STUDENT MISSING

ALBERT A. PATTERSON DISAPPEARS
FROM ANN ARBOR.

Graduate of De Pauw, Who Was Finishing a Medical Course at the Michigan University.

LEFT A BLOOD-STAINED HAT

AND A LETTER TO HIS FIANCÉE
THAT HINTED OF TRAGEDY.

Queer and Mysterious Affair That May Be Either a Student's Prank or a Ghastly Crime.

NEWS OF INDIANA COLLEGES

ADDRESSES BY SENATOR AND MRS. FAIRBANKS AT DE PAUW.

State Normal School's New Athletic Park Named "Parsons Field"—Yale Senior Societies.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 21.—The white crush hat of Albert A. Patterson, with a knife cut in the crown and hair and blood splattered over it, was found on the lawn in front of his boarding house this morning. Patterson, who is a senior medical student at the University of Michigan, was gone, leaving behind him one of the weirdest letters in student history. Patterson's home is in Greencastle, Ind. At 11:35 o'clock last night he left the room of Miss Maud G. Hinman, of Kingston, N. Y., a co-ed, to whom he was engaged to be married on commencement day. He never went to his room. When his absence was discovered this morning his fiancée found the following letter:

"I was in San Antonio, Tex., in the winter of 1897-98. I wandered into the Mexican part of the town. I stumbled into a meeting of an organization, was gagged and tied. They made me swear to a lot of things. I came North, went to war and then came to Michigan. Had almost forgotten the circumstance until I got a note some time since, warning me that I had forfeited my life. I got another note and then this last one."

The "last note," which was inclosed, was written on a piece of brown paper. It read: "Hil, by May 20, Maximo." The Patterson letter added: "Wonder how a thin knife feels in the back? May be Maximo wants me to cough up again." Throughout it were expressions such as "Rats, I am ashamed to write this rot, but some way, I can't get free from a sort of dread."

At first Patterson's disappearance was taken as a joke. His fiancée, who is also a senior "medic," identified her lover's hair on the hat. An analysis was made to find whether there is human blood on the hat.

Miss Hinman is almost crazy. Patterson's work was excellent and in three weeks he was to take his diploma. The police worked all day without getting a clue.

Graduated from De Pauw.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 21.—Albert A. Patterson graduated from De Pauw University, this city, in 1897. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and a native of Logansport, Ind., having been born there Feb. 7, 1875. He was in army service in the hospital force of First Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps, the Spanish war.

He would have graduated from Ann Arbor next month. He was married to Miss Laura Florer, of this city. At her home he is supposed to still be at the time. Nothing has been heard here concerning his alleged disappearance.

THE CHOSEN FEW AT YALE.

New Members of Scroll and Key, Skull and Bones and Wolf's Head.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 21.—The three senior secret societies of Yale College, Scroll and Key, Skull and Bones and Wolf's Head, gave their elections this afternoon on the campus in the manner known as "tap day" celebration.

No explanation is offered for the failure of any society to elect the manager of the football eleven for next season. H. Miller, Edwin Clapp, the intercollegiate hurdler, F. M. Blount, an athlete and coach of the freshman football eleven last season, and several other students. The elections included:

Scroll and Key—Fayette Brown, Cleveland; Justice Wilson, Toledo; W. Ledyard Mitchell, Cincinnati.

Skull and Bones—Charles E. Adams, Toledo; William B. Soper, Bloomington, Ill.; Wolfe Head—Thomas L. Jefferson, Jr., Louisville, Ky.

MRS. FAIRBANKS A GUEST.

With the Senator She Addressed De Pauw Students.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 21.—Senator C. W. Fairbanks remained in the city a few hours this morning, after being here last evening for initiation into the Phi Beta Kappa Society and a lecture and reception afterwards. This morning he addressed the students at the chapel exercises in a few words of good wishes.

Wabash College Baseball Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 21.—The ball game with Indiana University was called off this afternoon, on account of rain. The U. I. team went to Notre Dame this evening, and will play here Saturday.

Roscoe E. Woods manager, and will challenge the freshmen of Purdue, Indiana University and De Pauw. Two of the players on the college team are members of the freshman class. A challenge issued to the entire college has not been accepted, and the freshmen hope to schedule several games with rival colleges.

Athletic Director Haines has appealed the Wabash-De Pauw baseball case to the athletic committee of the De Pauw faculty for a decision. Wabash feels that De Pauw's manager has acted unfairly in refusing to play a game here, and a settlement will be brought about through the higher authorities.

In Honor of President Parsons.

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.

TERRE HAUTE, May 21.—The new athletic park bought for the Indiana State Normal School has been named "Parsons Field" for President Parsons. This was done at a meeting of the assembly on motion of Prof. Rettger, who referred to the successful effort made by President Parsons to obtain the appropriation from the Legislature by which it was possible to provide the school with what had been so much needed.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. will have a street fair Saturday evening in the building. The members refuse to make known the character of the fair and the curiosity of the 1,500 students is being worked upon to bring a large attendance.

Earlham's Oratorio Society Appears.

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.

RICHMOND, Ind., May 21.—The first public appearance of the Earlham College Oratorio Society was that of last night at the First Presbyterian Church, when Haydn's "The Creation" was successfully given. The solo parts were taken by Arthur Bessford, Miss Elizabeth Blumner and George Hamlin. The chorus was directed by Professor Cleveland K. Chase and Miss Jennie Papworth was organist. The oratorio society is a permanent institution at Earlham, and each year some oratorio will be given.

Farmers to Picnic at Purdue.

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 21.—The Central Passenger Association has made a rate of one and one-third fare for round-trip tickets to Lafayette on the occasion of the farmers' picnic excursion to Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station at Lafayette, June 12. Tickets may be purchased on June 11 and 12, and will be good returning to and including June 13. Guides will meet all trains arriving in Lafayette June 12 and conduct visitors to the station.

POLES CHOPPED DOWN

WESTERN UNION WIRES REMOVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA.

Many Small Towns Without Telegraph Communication and Several with No Electric Light Service.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.—Immediately after the decision of Judge Buffington today affirming the right of the Pennsylvania Railway Company to remove the poles and wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company hundreds of men, acting on orders from the Pennsylvania Railroad, began to cut Western Union poles on railroad property in this division. In a short time miles of poles, holding hundreds of miles of telegraph, telephone and electric light wires, went down. As a consequence many small towns were without telegraphic connection, while in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh there were a number of boroughs that were without electric light or telephone service. No notice, it is said, had been sent to the Western Union Telegraph Company of the intended action of the railroad officials, either by the Western Union or the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The downfall of the poles, Western Union officials say, affect that company little. There were fifteen miles of wires on the railroad that always worked badly and they were cut off the local offices of the company. In place of the poles cut on one started in service three new routes to New York, all of copper wires and in perfect condition, to take care of the service thus removed.

NEW MODERATOR CHOSEN

THE REV. F. COYLE SELECTED BY NORTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

Opening of the General Assembly at Los Angeles—Other Religious Bodies.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 21.—The Rev. F. Coyle, of this city, was today elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the One-hundred-and-fiftieth General Assembly of which convened at Emanuel Church with 670 commissioners present.

At the morning session Moderator Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, opened the assembly and delivered his annual address. Campaigning followed until the afternoon session. Dr. Coyle was elected on the second ballot. David Schaaf, of Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati; Dr. Roberts, Calvin W. Mater and Dr. Zeno, of Chicago, were also candidates. Dr. Zeno and Dr. Roberts withdrew after the first ballot, in which Dr. Coyle fell only two votes short of election. Dr. Coyle's election was finally made unanimous.

Aside from the election and the Lord's supper Dr. Van Dyke's address was the attraction.

Baptist Home Missionary Society.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 21.—At today's session of the American Baptist Home Mission Society the report of the committee reducing the rate of interest on the church loan fund to 5 per cent. was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, E. M. Thresher, Ohio; vice president, Andrew McLeod, Illinois; E. Gates, New York; treasurer, F. T. Moulton, New York; recording secretary, Alvan S. Hobart, Pennsylvania.

The American Baptist Missionary Society elected these officers: President, Kirke E. Porter, Pittsburgh; vice president, Rev. W. N. Clark, New York, and E. M. Vanduee, St. Paul, Minn.; recording secretary, Rev. Henry S. Burrage, Portland, Maine.

Cumberland General Assembly.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 21.—The seventy-third session of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church opened here this morning. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. S. M. Templeton, of Texas, the retiring moderator. The subject of his discourse was "The Unity of Believers."

Catholic Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The apostolic delegation has received from Rome briefs appointing Mr. Henry Mueller coadjutor to the archbishop of Cincinnati, Mr. J. J. Glennon, coadjutor to the archbishop of St. Louis, Rev. E. Coffey and P. Nagel, of the diocese of Scranton, to the dignity of domestic prelates.

Southern Presbyterians.

LEXINGTON, Va., May 21.—The forty-third General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church of the United States convened this morning in the Lexington Presbyterian Church. The retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. W. T. Hall, Columbia, S. C., preached the opening sermon.

ON WHOM IS THE JOKE?

If a generous Southern Colonel bestows much money upon a chambermaid for refusing to make up the bed of Booker T. Washington



and later it is alleged that there is a healthy rumor that she did make up the bed after all.



BUSINESS OF CONCERN

HOW MARION COUNTY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED.

Trend of the Investigation of Sweeping Contract as Conducted by Attorney Noel.

CHARLES W. WELLS A DIRECTOR

HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN HE WAS ELECTED.

William C. Smith Also Tells About the Company—An Adjournment Until Next Tuesday Night.

Attorney Noel spent most of last night examining witnesses as to the business and affairs of the Marion County Construction Company, which has the city sweeping contract. The testimony elicited was not of the greatest importance and the session ended an hour earlier than usual. The session was without incident of the usual character and was unusually quiet.

Charles M. Glover, assistant clerk of the Board of Public Works, was the first witness. He was asked as to what knowledge he had from members of the board as to what would be done with the bids for sprinkling, received Feb. 27, prior to their rejection. He said he had none. He said he had not been told by the board to notify Kennington to prepare his bond, nor had he been asked by Kennington for a blank bond form.

Jesse Ferguson, shop man for the Marion County Construction Company, testified that the company had used nine sweepers a part of last year—a small part and eight at other times.

DIRECTOR WITHOUT KNOWING IT.

Charles W. Wells, of Kothe, Wells & Bauer, was called to testify as to the organization of the Marion county company. He said he had subscribed to one share of stock, but did not know he had been elected a director with G. W. Seibert and W. C. Smith, nor named in the articles of incorporation as a director. In fact, he said, he had never received his certificate of stock and had no knowledge of the company's business after he signed the articles of incorporation.

W. C. Smith, who is a stockholder in the Climax Coffee Company, he said he knew Mr. Gates to be an honorable man, and he complied with his request in signing the articles of incorporation because he knew everything would be all right. The only persons he knew to be connected with the company were Mr. Gates and George W. Seibert, with whom he was also well acquainted. He said Harry B. Gates's connection with the company was not mentioned. He said he once received a telephone message from Floyd Woods about the company, but later when he tried to get up and deposited in bank to the credit of the company, he said he had thought so little about the transaction that he had passed out of his mind until he recalled it.

Mr. Noel introduced the sprinkling records to show payments to the Marion county company for sweepings on Ohio street, from Arsenal avenue to East street, South-eastern avenue, from Washington street to State street, and Alabama street, from Twenty-second street to Twenty-fifth street. These are the streets which witnesses testified were not properly swept.

W. C. SMITH EXAMINED.

William C. Smith, secretary of the Marion county company, was examined for over an hour about the organization of the company. Mr. Smith said the company was organized by Mr. Seibert, with whom the witness was in partnership in public contracting, and the original stockholders were Mr. Seibert, the witness, Harry B. Gates, W. N. Gates and Floyd A. Woods. The capital stock was \$10,000, and was all paid up and deposited in bank to the credit of the company. Mr. Seibert, W. N. Gates and the witness each had \$2,000 of stock, and W. C. Smith had \$4,000.

Mr. Smith said he did not know how Wells became an incorporator, but not a stockholder. He did not know how Wells became an incorporator and not a stockholder. Smith said he was out of the city most of the time, and Mr. Seibert looked after the

organization. All the capital stock was paid early in March, 1902.

The company, he said, had paid no dividends, but had declared one of 6 per cent. at the end of its first year's business. The reason the dividend was not paid was that the money on which it was declared was finally used in contracts which were incomplete. He said if all the company's assets had been in money and the dividend had been paid surplus of about \$4,000 would have resulted.

CAPITAL INCREASED.

Early in the fall of 1902 the capital of the company was increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Of the new capitalization \$24,000 was sold, and the stockholders' holdings now were: W. N. Gates, \$3,000; Harry B. Gates, \$4,000; Floyd A. Woods, \$5,000; G. W. Seibert, \$3,000; Medford B. Wilson, \$2,000, and W. C. Smith, \$2,000. All this was paid in cash to Mr. Seibert, who was president and treasurer.

The increase in capital stock was due to the resolution of the company to erect an asphalt plant. This cost about \$10,000. The plan included the building of a 24-inch diameter asphalt resurfacing machine, and had due from the company about \$30,000, and had due from the company about \$30,000. The outstanding accounts amounted to about \$2,000, and there was an indebtedness in notes for borrowed money amounting to \$24,000.

NUMBER OF SWEEPERS.

Mr. Smith said the company used eight sweepers most of the season of 1902, and eight of other, antiseptic sweepers, and nine, last fall. The sweeping area was greatly reduced by the Board of Works, and only six sweepers were used. He said the force had been ample at all times.

He said one sweeper could sweep one hundred "great squares" (90.00 square feet) each night in nine or ten hours, and the company had a contract to sweep the city streets.

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J. G. WILLIAMS DESIGNS

HE ACCEPTS GOVERNOR'S HINT TO GET OFF REFORMATORY BOARD.

Third Chapter in the History of the Reorganization of the Institution at Jeffersonville.

SUCCEEDED BY CRITTENBERGER

HE WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM NORTHERN PRISON BOARD.

It Will Probably Be Terhune's Turn Next—Superintendent Byers's Tenure Uncertain.

The third chapter in the history of the reorganization of the management of the Indiana Reformatory at Jeffersonville was written yesterday when John G. Williams, of this city, tendered to the Governor his resignation as one of the Democratic members of the board of managers of the institution. Mr. Williams resigned by request. Unlike his late colleague, John S. McDonald, of New Albany, he did not wait to be removed.

Dale J. Crittenger, of Anderson, editor of the Anderson News, will succeed Mr. Williams. This announcement has not been made officially, but it was learned last night from reliable authority that Governor Durbin would tender the appointment to Mr. Crittenger.

Mr. Crittenger is at present the Democratic member of the board of control of the State Prison at Michigan City, but he will be transferred to the Reformatory board and a new man appointed to the vacancy on the State Prison board.

Mr. Williams's action occasioned much surprise among the men who rallied to the support of the members of the board of managers last winter in fighting the so-called "reform" of the institution. It was generally expected that Mr. Williams would make a vigorous fight against removal and that he would not voluntarily retire under fire. The law provides that in case of removal of a member of the board, the Governor may remove any of the managers for cause, upon written statement made, after an opportunity for a hearing is given, if demanded, and the action of the Governor in the premises shall be final.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

G. B. Lockwood, secretary to the Governor, sent the following letter to Mr. Williams, dated May 15:

"Dear Sir—As directed by the Governor to suggest on his behalf that in the interests of harmony in the administration of the affairs of the Indiana Reformatory, he would be pleased to receive your resignation as a member of the board of managers of that institution. Asking the favor of an early reply, I am,

Very respectfully yours, etc."

Mr. Williams was out of the city at the time, but returned Wednesday. It is understood that he will accept the Governor's suggestion.

Mr. Williams's resignation, addressed to the Governor, reads:

"I hereby resign the office of member of the board of managers of the Indiana Reformatory, to take effect immediately."

WILLIAMS'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Williams gave out the following statement yesterday at the same time he made public the correspondence between himself and the Governor's office:

"From a personal standpoint it afforded me pleasure to furnish the Governor with my resignation as a member of the board of managers of the Indiana Reformatory. I accepted the office a year ago with great reluctance, and only after I had been importuned by the Governor to do so."

The work has proved extremely distasteful to me, and it is now apparent that in the future it will be intensely disagreeable as well as distasteful."

"The last Legislature gave the absolute control of the institution to the Governor, and I could not think for a moment of

continuing in office if, by so doing, I would produce discord in the administration of the affairs of the institution, or deprive the Governor the pleasure my resignation afforded him."

TERHUNE'S TURN NEXT.

Dr. D. J. Terhune, of Linton, is now the only member of the board of managers who was on the board at the time the movement toward a reorganization was started. John S. McDonald, of New Albany, was removed by the Governor shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature, and Dr. H. C. Hobbs, of Salem, was named to succeed him. Charles E. Shively, of Richmond, was permitted to serve out his term, which expired March 22, and he was not an appointee of Governor Durbin. L. P. Newby, of Knightstown, former state senator, was recently appointed to succeed him.

It is said the Governor will request the resignation of Dr. Terhune within the near future, although the reorganization is now left undisturbed until the expiration of his term, March 22, 1904. With three new members of the board the reorganization is now effective. The retirement of Joseph P. Byers, who was appointed superintendent of the Reformatory last fall to succeed A. T. Hert, is expected, and it is also reported that Mr. Byers may anticipate any action by the new board by resigning. He is said to have informed a few of his close friends recently that he has been offered two or three positions that are more desirable than the superintendency of the Jeffersonville institution.

Governor Durbin and Auditor of State Sherrick spent the day yesterday at Jeffersonville, visiting the Reformatory. It was stated last evening that the Governor's office that the visit had nothing to do with the changes in the board of managers and that it was merely one of the routine visits which the Governor is making to all the State institutions.

ELKS' HOME DEDICATED.

Many Prominent Men Take Part in the Exercises.

ROANOKE, Va., May 21.—The Elks' National Home at Bedford City, Va., was dedicated today in the presence of fully 5,000 people who came from all sections of the country. The speakers included Gov. Andrew Jackson Montague, of Virginia; United States Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Frederick Warde, the tragedian; George P. Cronk, exalted ruler, of Omaha, Neb.; and T. Fanning, of Indianapolis. The oration of the day was by Meade D. Detwiler, of Harrisburg, Pa. After the dedication exercises the people were regaled at an old Virginia barbecue. The home, which is now open for the aged and infirm Elks of the country, will accommodate 250 guests. The Elks have spent about \$40,000 in renovating and furnishing the home.

NEW AUTOMOBILE PERIL

EXPLOSION OF THE GASOLINE TANK OF A NEW YORKER'S MACHINE.

Blazing Fluid Showered on a Crowd of Persons, and a Score or More Injured, None Fatally.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A score or more persons were injured today by the explosion of the gasoline tank of an automobile owned by Thomas D. De Witt, a wholesale coal dealer. The injured, several of whom were policemen and firemen, were burned by a shower of blazing gasoline. None was fatally hurt.

The automobile was in charge of a chauffeur who was taking it to a repair shop because the gasoline tank leaked. At Forty-seventh street and Third avenue he found the machine on fire and brought it to a halt. An alarm was sent, and after vainly attempting to extinguish the flames with hand grenades the firemen turned a stream on the blazing vehicle. By that time three hundred or four hundred persons had gathered near the machine. The water had scarcely been turned on when the gasoline tank exploded. The burning fluid from the tank scattered in all directions and those in the front rank of the crowd caught the full force of it. A score of men rolled on the ground and shrieked with pain and women fainted. Firemen put rubber coats and blankets about the victims and extinguished the burning clothing. Several were taken to the hospital.

FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS

SEVERAL BUILDINGS UNROOVED AT LEBANON AND STORES FLOODED.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

(LEBANON, Ind., May 21.—A violent windstorm and heavy rain did much damage here late this afternoon. Three business houses, occupied by Aaron Byers's saloon, Carl Lehman's restaurant and A. A. Garner's jewelry store, were unroofed and the interior of the buildings deluged with water. The Perkins Hotel, the leading hostelry of Lebanon, was unroofed and flooded. The Indianapolis & Northwestern Traction Company's car barns, which were nearing completion, were blown down and the power house also was damaged. Trees were uprooted all over town, barns and outbuildings were blown down and residences damaged. The telephone and telegraph wires in the country around Lebanon are down, and it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage in the country. It is reported, however, that brick houses and other farm buildings were unroofed and otherwise damaged, and that many trees and fences were blown down. So far as can be learned, no one was injured by the storm.

Young Girl Killed at Gaston.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 21.—Muncie was visited by a heavy rainstorm at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Many shade trees were destroyed and fences blown over. At Gaston, ten miles north of Muncie, Mildred Keife, ten years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Keife, of Windfall, was killed. The child was walking on the porch when struck. Both of her feet were split open and her entire body was turned black. The house was not damaged and none of the inmates was hurt.

The heavy rain in the Indiana bridge works in this city was blown over during the storm and it was necessary to close down the plant.

Electric Storm at Elwood.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ELWOOD, Ind., May 21.—The worst electrical storm for years passed over Elwood late this afternoon. In Elwood and city street cars were put out of service several hours by the burning out of motors and schedules were abandoned during the storm. The barn of George Abbott was struck by lightning and destroyed. An old car barn of the Union Traction Company was also struck by lightning. In Elwood and city street cars were put out of service several hours by the burning out of motors and schedules were abandoned during the storm. The barn of George Abbott was struck by lightning and destroyed. An old car barn of the Union Traction Company was also struck by lightning. In Elwood and city street cars were put out of service several hours by the burning out of motors and schedules were abandoned during the storm. The barn of George Abbott was struck by lightning and destroyed. An old car barn of the Union Traction Company was also struck by lightning.

Wabash Welcomed Rain.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., May 21.—A fine rain, the first that has visited this section for several weeks, fell over Wabash county today and proved of great benefit to the growing crops, which had begun to suffer. But a small fraction of the corn acreage is in, owing to the protracted drought, and

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MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED AND AT
LEAST ONE LIFE LOST.

Hard Rain at Indianapolis, Where the
Precipitation Was Greater than
Elsewhere in the Country.

CHIEF DAMAGE AT LEBANON